

Great Ellingham Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr A Partridge, Cllr M Hadley, Cllr W Smith

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
District Councillor Sarah Suggitt  
4 members of the public

1. **Open Forum – An opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters and to hear reports from District and County Councillors, if available** – A member of the public asked about the proposed roundabout. The Chairman confirmed he would cover this later on in the meeting.
2. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mellor. County Councillor Connolly also sent his apologies.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – None to report.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2019** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
5. **To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – The Chairman noted his thanks to Councillors Mellor for chairing the June meeting and also to Councillor Partridge for taking the minutes. The Teddy Bear festival was a great success and thanks and congratulations go to the organisers. Disappointing news has been received from NCC Education department regarding the area school project, however, the campaign will continue. The clerk reported that Breckland Council were unable to offer any advice regarding the problem peacocks and suggested that the RSPCA were contacted. Councillor Suggitt confirmed that she would speak to the possible owners to see if the issues could be resolved. The land at Deopham Green was also discussed and it was agreed to ask Little Ellingham Parish Council for the contact details of their arborist, with a view to getting some quotes for a survey of any trees on parish council land and to also include the Deopham Green memorial site. Whilst it has not been established that the parish council own this site, they do agree to maintain it to a certain extent and whilst not accepting full responsibility for the trees on the land, it was agreed to proceed with a survey to see if any works are needed.
6. **Recreation Centre report** – Nothing specific to report but it was noted that the recreation centre committee has requested a grant as a contribution towards refurbishing the toilets. This item was discussed at some length, due to the possibility of a new recreation centre being built in the village. However, Councillors agreed that this was some years off and, in the meantime, the existing toilets are in poor condition. Councillor Smith suggested that the recreation centre committee contact Breckland Council for a grant in the first instance. The parish council agreed to consider a grant, once the possibility of funding from Breckland has been explored.
7. **Planning applications considered between meetings: None**

**8. To hear of planning decisions and other information:**

- a) **3PL/2018/0852/F – Land between Hingham Rd & Watton Rd – Residential development including new village shop, village hall and allotments – Approved**
- b) **3PL/2018/1021/F – Land at Hingham Rd / Attleborough Rd – Residential development of 95 dwellings together with associated access, parking, landscaping and open space – Approved**  
The Chairman reported that the S106 agreement relating to these plans has been signed and that the financial contribution towards the roundabout is due three months after the transfer of the land.
- c) **3PL/2019/0338/HOU – 14 Long Street – Flat roof rear extension – Approved**

**9. To consider a Neighbourhood Plan** – Councillor Smith suggested that, in light of the Planning Inspector's recommendation that Breckland's Local Plan is reviewed again in 2022, the parish council may wish to re-consider a Neighbourhood Plan. Various aspects of this were discussed, including evidence of any protection a Neighbourhood Plan has offered other parishes against unwanted or inappropriate development and also the implication of some of the land included in the recent boundary review being covered by Attleborough's Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the Chairman will liaise with those involved in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan for Rocklands, to establish key information such as cost. **Action TB.**

**10. To consider planning applications**

- a) **3PL/2019/0675/F – Low Common Barn, Deopham Rd – Change of use of an agricultural building to a residential dwelling** – Councillors did **not object** to this application but indicated that they would not expect this application to lead to a subsequent application for a new agricultural building.
- b) **3PL/2019/0349/F – 452<sup>nd</sup> Barn on Land at 'Final Approach' Bush Green – Conversion and extension of agricultural barn to dwelling (revised plans showing revised access)** - The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- c) **3PL/2019/0665/F – Agrovista, Hingham Rd – Proposed extension and refurbishment of existing storage and distribution depot** – The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- d) **3PL/2019/0775/VAR – The Cottage, Town Green – Variation of conditions – design changes to plot 2 – internal changes and erection of cart shed on east elevation** – The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- e) **3PL/2019/0788/VAR – 18 Long Street – Removal of conditions regarding use of annex** – This application was received after the publication of the agenda, however, Councillors could see no reason to change their opinion from the application made in November 2018 and agreed to **object** on the same grounds.

**11. To consider a request from the Methodist Church for a grant** – This grant is in respect of new heaters being fitted. The clerk highlighted regulations surrounding donations to churches. It was agreed that the clerk will check the relevant legislation with Breckland and, if possible, this can be considered again next month. **Action AR.**

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- 12. To consider co-option of Councillors** – Peter Ewin was present at the meeting. Peter talked briefly about living in the village and his interest in the parish council. He left the room whilst councillors discussed his application and it was unanimously agreed to welcome him to the parish council. Peter signed the declaration of office accordingly and the clerk left the remaining paperwork with him for completion.
- 13. To consider a grant request from the recreation centre** – Discussed at item 6.
- 14. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100600	£ 252.95	A Rayner	July salary
100601	£ 216.00	Mellor Metals	Grass cutting

Both payments were approved.

- 15. To consider items from Councillors**
- a) **Bus service – AP** – Councillor Partridge asked if it would be possible to approach the bus company who run the Watton – Attleborough service if they would consider making a 'request' stop in the village. The logistics of this were discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would contact Konect for further information. **Action AR.**
- 16. To consider correspondence received: None to report**
- 17. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21 August 2019 to discuss planning applications and urgent business only, otherwise Wednesday 18 September 2019 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.